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In re Application of:

Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.

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) Examiner: Unassigned

) Group Art Unit: 2622

) March 26, 2003

Director, the Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. A European Search Report, dated February 20, 2003, from a counterpart application and citing the listed documents is enclosed for the Examiner's convenient reference.

FORMAL MATTERS

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to a first Office Action on the merits, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

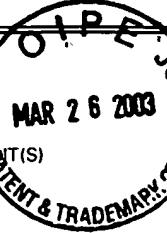
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